(ii) State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around the Tiger Reserves; and

(iii) Steps have been iniciated to set up a special Strike Force in the project Tiger Areas.

(iv) Special schemes f°r protection and conservation of tigers, elephants ,ind rhinos and their habitate are being implemented.

(v) A network of Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

(vi) International trade in endangered Species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(vii) A scheme of eco-development has been launched to reduce the biotic pressure on the area and winning over the support of local people to the aspect of wildlife conservation.

Populaion in Sea-Shore areas of Maharashtra

1084. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whethe:r it has come to the notice of Government that sea-shore of Maharashtra is becoming polluted;

(b) if so. the reaction is Government thereto; and

(c).the action taken by Government in this regard?

TH" MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MTNTSTFRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORFSTS (SHRT KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. According to the coastal wa*er qua'itv monitoring carried out hv the Department of Ocean Deve-Iopmen water in the sea-shore of the Maharashtra is fairly turbid and has a relatively higher degree of pollutants due to voluminous discharge of untreated sevege through creeks bays and estuary.

(c) Government have already taken steps for prevention and control of pollution of the coastal waters in Maharashtra and these include:

(i) Industries have been directed to provide necessary effluent treatment and disposal arrangements under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. The compliance of consent conditions iv checked by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from time to time and suitable action is taken against non complying units as per provisions of the Water Act, 1974.

(ii) In cage of clus'er of chemical industries, effluent collection and disposal arrangements have been provided bv Maharashtra Industrial Development Cornoinfion (M.I.D.C.). Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) schemes have been planned for industrial areas in the coastal reeion of Maharashtra. CETP at Tarapur has already been commissioned.

Oil") Bombav Municipal Corporation ffl MO is >'mntcm'itine a sewerage protect with the financial assistance of the World Bank. The first phase of 'his scheme is lijcelv to be completed bv 1998.

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